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In re Application of: **Ecker, Griffey, Sampath, and McNeil**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Specification:

All amendments to the specification are made with reference to the Substitute Specification (clean copy) filed on October 17, 2002, which has been entered into the record.

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, after the section entitled "**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**," as follows:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/076,440 filed May 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,221,587, which claims priority to provisional U.S. Serial No. 60/085,092 filed May 12, 1998, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.-